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## DIDSBURY VIEW



## Competitors team up to protest cuts

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Didsbury and Carstairs pharmacy customers may get a surprise this week as Pharmasave owner Jody Keller and Value Drug Mart owner Brad Blatz have decided to close the doors and partici-pate in a provincewide pharmacist rally

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday.

The rally is in opposition to the provincial budget cuts to front-line healthcare workers, which they say will negatively affect both pharmacies and the

services they offer to Albertans.
"It is disappointing the government spent \$400,000 on an ad campaign stating Alberta will have the lowest generic priess in Canada when that only tells half of the story," Keller noted.

These cuts may mean minimal one on-one time with pharmacists, drug shortages and longer wait time

lower prices for all Albertans, he said. However, in order to ensure the sustainability of patient care by pharmacists, savings through generic price changes must be reinvested in pharmacies, he noted.

"What it means to us is that services that were provided basically for free (in the past), we have to start looking at being sustainable, and we may have to look at charging for," said Keller.

The key message, he said, is that they are very concerned about being able to maintain the services they currently provide to their clients

"Pharmacists are highly trained pro-fessionals, and of important note, are highly-accessible health professionals," he said.

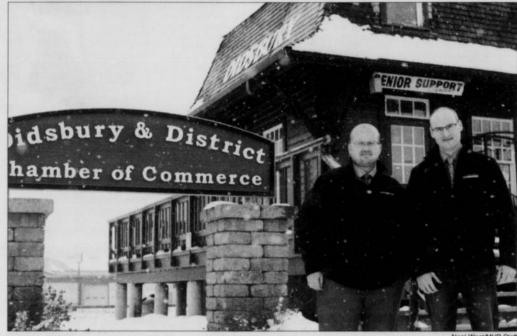
The announcement of cuts from the government was made without consultation with the RxA, (the Alberta Pharmacists' Association) and was a complete surprise to pharmacy owners and staff across the province, he added.

Keller supports pharmacists providing more services, such as medicareviews, providing injections and additional prescribing by pharmacists to ease the pressure on the health-care system.

However, the government would have the public believe this can all be achieved immediately and without a reasonable transition time, he said.

"This change, coupled with an underfunded model, means phar-macists will not be able to provide the level of care that Albertans have become accustomed to. The health system will suffer as patient needs are off-loaded, and their needs may go unmet," he noted.

The average cost to fill a prescription



Brad Blatz and Jody Keller stand near Eldon Foote Hall on Sunday. The local pharmacy owners are teaming up to rally against provincial health

care funding structure changes this Thursday has been shown in many studies to be \$14 to \$15, whereas the Didsbury and Carstairs Pharmasaves only make an average of \$10.22, he said.

loss on filling a prescription, coupled with the dramatic reduction in indirect funding - also known as generic rebates - will affect pharmacies across the province; he said.

> "This is about our genuine concern for looking after the residents of our communities and all the services that we provide and to be compensated fairly."

JODY KELLER owner, Didsbury Pharmasave

"You do the math...It's a hard enough time in small towns with the larger stores 10 minutes away, they promise lower pricing and they can encompass that in a grocery environment...and they can make up the margin on that

We provide personalized, high-qual-

ity, highly-accessible service in our local communities, and we're going to struggle to provide the same level of service because something will have to give. That's essentially what we're

looking at," he added. While the pharmacy employees and owners are rallying on Thursday, he noted that they will be engaging cus-tomers and passersby, informing them as to what is going on and why they are rallying.

They will also have petitions and letter templates asking the provincial government to consult with pharma-cists and come up with a mutuallybeneficial funding model.

He wanted to clarify that the rallies

are not about lashing out at the gov ernment.

"This is about our genuine concern for looking after the residents of our communities and all the services that we provide and to be compensated fairly.

provincial The announced changes nine months ago, he added, noting that the business model of Alberta's pharmacies has been developed over the last 22 to 24

"Over this time frame, pharmacies have seen one increase in dispensing fees - totalling 52 cents," he said.

Staffing, training, computer technol-

ogy and the amount of documentation required are tremendous barriers to pharmacies, especially when the time being allowed for them to transition to the new services model is only nine

months, he added.

He said the provincial government will argue that it is reinvesting in phar-macies, but he has documented what they will actually save, what they claim to be saving, and what the costs will be to employees, owners and ultimately,

"So we're given a mountain of things that we need to be able to accomplish to help stabilize the transition, and more than anything, we want the government to work with our pharmacists' association to come up with a reasonable transition funding model and stabilization for Albertans. That's essentially the sage," he added.

"We're going to fight to stay in busi-ness, there's no doubt about that... of course we're going to ensure we provide these services, but the funding is going to have to come from some where.

Keller and Blatz invite anyon cerned to speak to their MLA and come down to the rally being held at their stores to learn more about how these funding changes will affect

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## Minor soccer registrations continuing

The Didsbury Minor Soccer Association (DMSA) is getting ready to kick off another year of minor soc cer, say officials

Treasurer Debbie Brazalle said DMSA is still actively seeking player registrations as well as coaches

"This year our numbers are down, but we have about 225 kids registered this year, and we are approximately down 50 kids this year from last year, said Brazalle

DMSA is still accepting registrations for all ages she noted, but is looking particularly for kids in and above the U-12 divisions, and is also needing coaches for the U-16 and U-18 divisions.

Though the association held two registration

events, they have also moved to online registrations

"We had two physical registrations, but we've gone to an online registration system this year, so that was just an opportunity for people who are used to was just an opportunity for people who are used to filling in the forms and for us to show them our new website and how user-friendly it is, especially for registration," she said.

This is the first year they've had it online, though

she noted that the paperwork has to be entered into their computers anyway, so online registration makes it easier for administrators

"It's one less step for us, but it's easier in the long run for us and for parents," she added.

"They can go online, check team stats, check where their games are going to be played, and what field they're on. So it's a great tool for parents to keep track of their kids' games and scores."

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If anybody has missed registration and still wants Brazalle encourages them to do so by visiting the DMSA website at (www.didsburysoccer

The deadline is about the third week of April, she id, though the sooner the better for older teams, as the U-12 and higher levels travel for games and those the teams that need

higher numbers of players. She explained that 11 players are needed to field a team, and the more players the teams have, the more substitutions they will be able to

"Some of our age groups only have 11 so far, so that's why I'm saying we still need registrations," she added. They are also seeking coaches for the higher levels

and notes that clinics are provided for those interested in coaching, she said.

"So if there's anybody with soccer background and a desire to coach, we would like to talk to them," she added.

If families want to put their kids into soccer but don't have the money required to register, she said DMSA can contacted through their website and arrangements can be made. "We don't want to stop any kids from playing, so if there are problems with costs, there are options available and we can help with that.

KidSport is one of the options to have sporting "They will look every individual's case, and we haven't had anybody turned down yet, so it's a great way for kids in lowincome families.



Didsbury's Ashton Gramlich and Sundre's Riley Nault chase after the ball as the two teams competed for gold in the U-14 category during last year's soccer season. The DMSA is still accepting online registrations for parents who would like to enrol their children in this year's soccer season

## Officials: No evidence to support dog-napping rumours

BY JARED SIEMENS MVP Staff

Recent rumours of dog-nappings within the county perpetuated on popular social media

websites have local residents hesitant to take their dogs for walks or leave them alone in the backyard to exercise and relieve themselves, police said.

The social media rumour not only suggests dog thefts are occurring, but that they are for the purposes of criminal dogfighting organizations, and Cpl.

Warren Wright with the Didsbury RCMP detachment said there is no evidence of either claim.

As far as the local police are concerned, the public has no cause for alarm.

"There is nothing to substantiate that your dog will be taken from your hands while walking it, or that it will be stolen from the backyard while let out for exercise," said Wright.

"Yes, dogs do go missing, but they do. The majority of the time, they running at large. said Wright.

Wright went on to say that while he doesn't know what is happening outside of his geographical area, there is no factual proof that dogs are being kidnapped in the Olds, Didsbury, and Carstairs areas

"We encourage everyone to carry on with their normal lives.

Derek Sutherland, Didsbury community peace officer who handles animal control, also dispelled the rumours.

"We certainly haven't seen an increase in the number of dogs at large or going missing in either the town of Didsbury or Mountain View County, said Sutherland.

"The community is just as safe as it always was and there is no foundation for the rumours dogs are being kidnapped in the urban and rural Didsbury areas."



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## **Playground Society** continuing to build community

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

The Didsbury Playground Society finished off its fundraising for the toddlers' play park at the Kinsmen Park recently, after a donation from both the Olds Rotary Club and the Knox United Church Thrift Store, according to offi-

Maia Foster, president-elect for the society, said that though the majority of construction finished last summer, there were still some bills to be paid and are still some other minor additions to be

They built the tot playground at Kinsmen Park - across 23 Street from the Lutheran Church - last June, but this year they would still like to install some benches and a picnic table, she said.

"So we still have a couple small things to finish up once winter finished in Alberta, and there are still some funds that are going to be spent there, but we are nearly done with Kinsmen," said Foster.

Despite that the society has concluded fundraising for its original project, she said members will be continuing to fundraise for their next project, which is yet to be determined.

"After we finished fundraising for that, we realized that the community can realuse a group that is going to continue to fundraise for parks and playgrounds in Didsbury," she noted.

After the project was complete, the group had to overcome another hurdle when three of the volunteers decided to leave the group, she said. "So hopefully with that new initiative

and some great new voices, we will be able to head forward and start looking

at a new project to do in the next year."

Mitch Thomson, president of the Rotary Club of Olds said his club is excited to have been able to help out with a \$5,000 donation to the society last

"This year we have three different playground projects we've been part of, and this is one that's really cool because it's for the real little guys," said Thomson. "For the Rotary club,

great opportunity to support a wone ful grassroots kind of organization that was formed in Didsbury to provide a playground for tots in the community

noted that the Olds Rotary Club has enjoyed much support from the community in town, including a new Didsbury-Carstairs Rotary Club, so they thought this was a great opportunity to give something back and support a good group at the same time

saw a group that had worked really hard and done a lot in the com-munity to raise the money, and as they came to us towards the end, we thought 'this will help them get near completion, or at least near the end."

The reasons for a playground spe-

cifically aimed at younger children are varied, but he explained it will mainly provide a safe environment for them to play in.

"This is for those young kids that you want to keep safe and who can't be tak-ing a little fall, because of their tender " he said.

When you're a young mom or dad d you have a couple, two or three pre-kindgarten children - and that often is the case - you can't be everywhere at

So this is a situation where the children will be able to play with supervision, but are not at risk if mom or dad are helping their brother or sister, and that's a big part of it.'

Foster concluded that the society is grateful for the continued support of the community and its volunteers

"We've been really lucky there, and the women that I've worked with have been great too...they've been some great people, so we couldn't thank the people that have been with us enough, and some of the businesses have been great

"We're really happy to be able to do something for the community. We realize people have to do stuff or it's not going to get done, so it feels good to be able to do this kind of thing and show our kids how working in our community can help improve it, show community spirit, and form bonds with other people



The Knox United Church Household Goods Thrift Store donated \$5,000 to the Didsbury Playground Society last month for its continued work in improving and building new parks and playgrounds in Didsbury. Seen here, Chelsie Hopfe, Gina Hopfe, Brienne Hopfe and Maia Foster receive the cheque from Sylvia Derksen and Corinne Stouffer.

## Easter weekend car burglaries

BY JARED SIEMENS MVP Staff

Some unlucky residents awoke Tuesday morning after their Easter long weekend to discover their vehicles had

been runmaged through the night prior.

Approximately nine vehicles in town were reported being burgled sometime between April 1 at 10 p.m. and April 2 at 8 a.m., said Cpl. Warren Wright of the Didsbury RCMP detachment, noting that about 11 vehicles in Carstairs were also

Multiple vehicles were rummaged through overnight, though in most cases,

nothing was reported stolen, he said.

"In one case, a wallet was stolen from a vehicle that was entered," said Wright. "That person later found some of their belongings down the street from the location where the theft took place.

Wright said he surmises the suspect removed what they wanted from the wallet, and discarded the rest.

"A lot of the people who may have been victimized should search nearby bushes and garbage cans and snow-banks for their missing belongings," said Wright, noting that the thieves typically discard what they don't want nearby.

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## **Editorial**

## **Smoking police** have big job ahead

The Harper government has announced the creation of a new anti-tobacco task force charged with stopping organized crime from targeting tobacco products at Canadian young

The 50-officer RCMP Anti-Contraband Tobacco Force will specifically target criminals who sell and distribute contraband tobacco products anywhere in Canada, including in rural

DAN SINGLETON

Efforts to reduce youth course, been ongoing for years, with schools, health-care workers, politicians, and many other stakeholders spending countless hours and effort stakeholders spending countless hours and effort

in the fight.

This taskforce initiative is yet another worthwhile attempt to keep vulnerable young people from taking up a habit that can lead to no end of health problems years of heavy financial burdens.

"These initiatives will see our government protect our children by taking the fight to organized crime," said Wildrose MP Blake Richards. "We have worked hard, over decades, through edu-cation and health initiatives to cut the smoking

rate among Canadians. We must not allow orga-nized crime to undercut this progress.

"Organized crime syndicates are working to undermine our efforts by smuggling contraband-tobacco products into Canada and illegally sell-ing them to children." ing them to children.

In conjunction with the formation of the new task force, the government has also created a new Criminal Code offence with mandatory jail

new Criminal Code offence with mandatory jail sentences for repeat offenders.

"Mandatory minimum penalties for repeat offenders will include at least 90 days in jail on a second conviction, 180 days in jail for a third conviction and two years on subsequent convictions," he said.

In 2011, the RCMP seized about 600,000 cartons and unmarked bags of cigarettes, 2,200 kilograms of raw leaf tobacco and 38,000 kilograms of fine cut tobacco. With the new taskforce now on the job, even larger seizures can probably be expected in 2013.

With literally tonnes of illegal tobacco being

With literally tonnes of illegal tobacco being targeted at young people, the government should be applauded for these efforts to keep that same tobacco out of the hands of children

Overall youth tobacco use in Canada has been on the decline in recent years, dropping from 25 per cent in 1999 to 17 per cent in 2011, according to Health Canada.

Whether this new task force will help reduce those numbers even further remains to be seen. There are many, many stakeholders who are

sure hoping so.

In the end it's up to individuals, including young people, to make their own choices about tobacco use

At the same time, increasing enforcement and strengthening anti-tobacco laws are good moves in the ongoing effort to keep tobacco out of the hands of Canadian children.



## Commentary Burn body fat all day long

There seems to be a common misconception when it comes to burning fat and metabolism, so let's clear things up a bit.

If you use your metabolism as a tool, it can be your best friend; it can give you those weight loss/inches dropped goals you're after. I'm going to tell you exactly how to do that.

Some of us naturally have a slow metabolism, just as some of us have a fast metabolism. We all have that friend who can eat whatever they want and not gain an ounce, and it seems like all we have to do is look at a dessert and we gain a

few pounds. There's good news here, though. There are ways to speed up our metabolism the healthy way; we can shed inches and we can drop pounds by increasing our metabolism.

So how do we do that?

DREW

TADDIA

The number one way to increase our metabolism and get our body in a fat-burning state is to eat. I know it seems like it should be the opposite but this simply isn't the case.

I can prove this to be a fact if you look at our eat-

ing habits. Consider the quality of food eaten and the time of day this food is eaten. Many of us skip breakfast, have a late lunch, then a huge dinner and finally snack while watching TV before bedtime.

As you can see from this example, we're not eat-

ing frequently enough to increase our metabolism which is why we accumulate excess body fat and now want to lose weight.

There are other ways to lose weight by increasing our metabolism, which include being active - whether it be going for walks, bike rides, jogging or even playing with the kids.

Working out more directly - in this case resistance training like lifting weights, body weight exercises or band work is another great way to increase our metabolism, in fact more so than cardio alone

The problem with these exercises I just listed is we

wouldn't do them all day long. We're not going to lift weights for five or six hours a day, and we're not going to run a marathon every day.

But what we can do is eat clean, whole foods. We can fuel our body with healthy food all day long, which will put our body in the fat-burning state, help us lose weight and drop inches. Not only that, but we'll be giving our body all the nutrients it needs to fuel our mind, reduce stress, help us sleep better,

The list goes on, so even though most of us have a main goal of losing weight, there are many other benefits that come along with boosting our metabolism with food, which all lead to increasing our quality

The first step we can take to jump-start our metabolism is to eat something in the morning. Breakfast

is exactly what the word says - it's breaking a fast.

After hours of sleep, our metabolism has come to a screeching halt, so the best thing we can do when we wake up is to get our metabolism running again

Have something to eat; it doesn't matter what it is, for the most part.

Choose something you don't mind eating - son thing easy on the stomach that's easily digestible.

Forming a habit as simple as eating in the morning will be a big step in your goal to burning fat all day long. Before you know it, you'll start to get hungry when you wake up, which only means your metabolism is running at a higher rate and your body is burning fat more efficiently.

As you continue to eat more quality foods through-

out the day, you'll find yourself hungry - possibly for

the first time in years.

Don't be afraid to eat; remember that when you eat quality foods, you are offering your body what it's asking for. Not only will you notice your clothes starting to loosen, but you'll find yourself with more energy, in a better mood and even sleep better with reduced stress

Use your metabolism as a tool, let it be your friend and burn body fat all day long.

Drew Taddia is a fitness specialist, author, and radio talk show host.

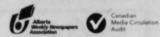
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## New water utility rates set

BY KEVIN VINK

Town council approved the new water utility rates at a special town council meeting last month.

The new rates, according to officials, will be \$11 per month in service fees, with a separate fee applying to both water and wastewater - plus \$2 per cu. m consumed for water, and \$1.02 per cu. m consumed for

wastewater.

The water and wastewater utility rate structures are going to change effective May 1 this year, according to the resolution

It is difficult to determine whether bills will go up or down, because the rate structure itself has been comletely changed, though CFO Nita Bartholow noted the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission will increase what it charges the town from \$1.25 per cu. m to \$1.30 per cu. m, as of April 1.

The previous rates were calculated by comparing the amount of water used to the average amount of water being used during the month," she said, whereas

the new rates are based on usage plus distribution fees. She said the variable fees and fluctuation in con-

sumption made the previous rate structure complicated, which is one reason for the change

According to the Rates and Fees Bylaw, the previous rate structure for wastewater was a base rate of \$12.50 per month, multiplied by 48.6 per cent from December to May, and 41.4 per cent from June to November.

The previous rate structure for water was a flat rate

of \$3.42 per month, plus \$2.31 per cu. m for the first 12.24 cu. m, and \$2.68 per cu. m over 12.24 cu. m.

The Infrastructure Renewal of \$3.42 per month for water and wastewater is still effective, added Bartholow

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## **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, April 10 at 4:30 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

### **New Utility Rates**

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water consumed

Wastewater: \$11.00/month collection fee plus \$1.02/cubic meter of water consumed



## NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

Girl's Night Out - April 22 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Ages 8-12. Cost is \$15.00 Registration deadline is April 15.

Boy's Night Out - April 23 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Ages 8-12. Cost is \$15.00. Registration deadline is April 16.

> Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719 to register or for more information.

## **Didsbury Recycling Centre**

A recent press release issued on April 3, 2013 expressed the misuse and abuse of the Didsbury Recycling Centre. The centre continues to be a dumping ground where residents are dropping off inappropriate items such as old appliances, construction material and household garbage. As such, the Public Works staff must haul these large items to the landfill which is estimated at a cost of \$500, a financial burden to all tax payers. All residents are encouraged to report any misuse of the Recycling Centre by calling the Town of Didsbury information line at 403.335.2030. To view the full press release, please visit www.didsbury.ca/town/ townnews.

## National Volunteer Week - April 21-27, 2013

Cheers for volunteers! Drop into Didsbury Neighborhood Place, 106, 2034 19 Avenue, on Thursday, April 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm for snack and refreshments and on Friday, April 26 from 1:00-3:00 pm for cake and refreshments! Anytime during National Volunteer Week, pick up your free gift bag at Didsbury Neighborhood Place.

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- Try to avoid Monday to Friday daytime parking on your street if possible.
- Safety is important for everyone, so please watch children carefully when the sweepers are on the roadway.
- Please watch for signage indicating street sweeping in your area.

The Spring Street Sweeping Program typically takes about 3-4 weeks to complete but may be delayed by cold or wet weather, parked vehicles or excessive amounts of winter sand and debris.

Your cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated. For further information, please call the Town's Public Works Department at 403-335-8343.

## **Didsbury Aquatic Centre Public Meeting**

On April 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm, there will be a public meeting in the Multi Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Council wants to hear from you in regards to the future of the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. If you are unable to attend the April 16 meeting, there will be a second meeting held on April 30, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

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Dani Woodman - Development Officer

## Community Resources



## April 10 and April 17

Rotary club of Didsbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served - supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 402 335-4739 for more info

### April 11 and April 18

1:30 pm. An invitation to all seniors to come and enjoy the Friends and Fun Program at the Eldon Foote Hall (train station). A weekly free program of games, activities and special events. If a ride is required, please call 403-335-4391.

5-0 Club Easter Potluck at 12:30 pm. Ham is supplied. Bring your favourite veggie or dessert dish.

## April 11

Canadian Classic Concert featuring Valdy and Gary Fjellgaard with Saskia and Darrel opening. This is a fundraising event for the Mountain View Arts Society at the Didsbury Multipurpose Room and tickets are \$25. Get your tickets before they sell out, at the Didsbury Museum or the Didsbury Library or by calling 403 335-9445. Doors open at 6:15 pm - rush seating – concert

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Council wants to hear from you regarding the future of the Didsbury Aquatic Center. Public meeting at 7:00 pm in the Memorial Complex Multi-purpose room

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(Clockwise from top left) Artist Jean Elliott works on a glass top table at the Art Show & Sale during the Trade Expo; Roy Asham of Bowden performs during the Fiddlers Jamboree, Visitors walk through the arena floor during the Expo, and MLA Bruce Rowe speaks with an attendee during the trade expo.



## Municipal Area Partnership reformation talks

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

The Municipal Area Partnership (MAP) has been undergoing recent debates as to what its purpose should be moving into the future, according to officials

"We're at the point now where different members have different ideas of what MAP is or isn't," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"So we've been trying to look at how we can make it something that is more functional, more beneficial and more useful at the regional level for other municipalities."

He noted that Carstairs' council recently came forward with a proposal as to what they think MAP should be used for - namely as a governance body for both the Mountain View Regional Waste Commission and seniors' housing.

"Because those are some very big commissions as far as budget goes and services in the region. If we go that direction, maybe we can be able to make sure that those are operating properly and appropriately for the future," he said.

Town council passed a motion last Tuesday resolving that councillors attend the next monthly meeting later this month and initiate discussions on what they think of Carstairs' resolution, using that as a starting point to exchange thoughts and ideas with other municipalities in the group, he noted.

"Then I think what we need to do is encourage as many of our council members as possible to hear it first-hand, be part of that discussion, and then bring that information back so that council here in Didsbury can try to formulate Didsbury's version of what we believe MAP should be for the future, and then take that back for discussion in May."

Some of the issues in the past have been that members thought the MAP meetings were more for the purpose of having meetings, he said, but that members have also been trying to figure out what MAP would be best suited for.

MAP would be best suited for.

Tve always felt that MAP was started to address things like our inter-municipal agreements on funding for libraries and recreation facilities and these kinds of things within our communities.

"These agreements - our memorandum of understanding and our municipal agreements - were drafted over four years ago now, and back then the intent was to review them every three years to see of there's any changes and updates that needed to be made to them."

Wittal believes that MAP's focus for the moment should remain on trying to move forward on getting new draft agreements in place, because things have changed since the original agreements.

For example he mentioned the funding model used for recreation facilities in the region, and whether they need to be adjusted.

"And I think that's where we need to do it on a regional perspective so that it's consistent between the municipalities.

"There's some that think it should be done on an individual basis between the county and municipalities because there's differences - which there are - and I can appreciate that and those can be done separately."

However, there are many similar facilities that can be handled by MAP as a whole, such as curling rinks, hockey rinks, and libraries, he said.

"There's some fundamental differences there as to how (MAP members) want to move forward on reviewing our memorandum of agreements and our inter-municipal development agreements."

It's just a matter of sitting down as a group and putting together some basic fundamentals that all member groups can agree with, and building it up from there, he added.

"We didn't get the Premier's Award (of Excellence for Collaboration) just because, you know. There was a lot of work done to do that...but we showed that rural and urban can work together to resolve these kinds of issues." Vehicle theft

A white GMC SUV that

as parked in downtown

Didsbury was burgled last month on March 29

between 9 and 9:30 p.m.,

Cpl. Warren Wright said the vehicle was

unlocked at the time, and

that a set of golf clubs

and some American cur-

according to police.

rency were stolen.

## UNLOCKED VEHICLES

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"Residents should also check their credit card records, as one card sto-len over the weekend was used fraudulently,"

he said. Police suspect there were additional instances of unlocked vehicles being entered and rummaged through the weekend, though the owners were likely unaware of the incidents

or chose not to report

All of the thefts were related to unlocked vehi-

cles, said Wright.
"A group of thieves can check hundreds of vehicles in a night, and only steal from the ones that are unlocked.

People need to get into the habit of locking their vehicles," he stated.

"Most people locking mechanisms on their key fobs - it's not a huge effort, and they'll save themselves a lot of

time dealing with insurcompanies (and ring items)," he replacing

Wright noted that police suspect the incidents in Didsbury are likely linked to a series of thefts from unlocked vehicles that occurred in Carstairs the same night.

He said a purse was turned in to police and ask anybody who thinks they were struck to report the incident and determine if the police have recovered anything.

## Police briefs

## BY KEVIN VINK Vehicle vandal-

vehicles near Nine vehicles near Westhills Drive were vandalized on Friday, March 29 between 10 p.m. and the following

orning, said Wright. Windshield w

ers were damaged and words written in the dirt on the cars, he added.

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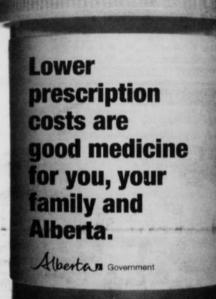
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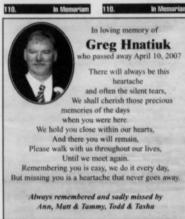
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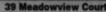
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